

REMARKS

This Amendment cancels all claims submitted with the application as filed and submits new claims 45-90 including independent claims 45, 66, and 76.

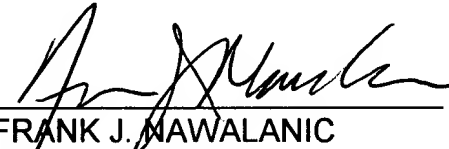
Also filed with this application is an Information Disclosure Statement. Included in the Information Disclosure Statement is a PCT paper transmitting a Search Report. The PCT paper, in addition to material cited in the Search Report, indicated a multiplicity of inventions and applied a US reference as state of the art. The new claims are believed to address the unity of invention issue at least insofar as the independent claims are concerned. The independent claims as submitted are believed to be distinguishable over the art listed in the Information Disclosure Statement.

It is noted that more than 3 months have elapsed since the filing date of this application. However, no action or examination has been made. A Filing Receipt has not been received. In any event, it is requested that the Second Preliminary Amendment be entered into the case and the application be examined on the claims submitted herewith. As now amended, the subject application is believed in condition for an Action on its merit.

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